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REP: SECSTATE 131723

Classified By: Ambassador Richard E. Hoagland: 1.4 (B), (D)

¶1. (S) SUMMARY: The government of Kazakhstan initially responded Qeptically to a U.S. non-paper alleging that Iran is negotiating to buy a large amount of uranium from Kazakhstan. The Kazakh Foreign Minister Kairat Umarov and his spokesman, Nurlan Saudabayev, denied the report. They said they had not received any such request and that the AP report was "false information." They also denied that Kazakhstan had been approached by Iran to supply uranium to its nuclear program. They said they were investigating the story thoroughly. The Kazakh Foreign Ministry has not commented on the AP report since it was published.

¶2. (S) In response to December 29 e-mailed information from USUN Vienna that the Associated Press (AP) was about to publish a report alleging that Kazakhstan was supplying uranium to Iran, the Kazakh Foreign Minister Kairat Umarov and his spokesman, Nurlan Saudabayev, denied the report. They said they had not received any such request and that the AP report was "false information." They also denied that Kazakhstan had been approached by Iran to supply uranium to its nuclear program. They said they were investigating the story thoroughly. The Kazakh Foreign Ministry has not commented on the AP report since it was published.

¶3. (S) Saudabayev said, "My initial response is nyet, nyet, and nyet. This cannot be true. Give me the full report and we will follow up and let you know if there is any truth to it."

¶4. (S) With the AP report having appeared later on December 29, the Ambassador delivered on December 30 to Deputy Foreign Minister Kairat Umarov a note of protest against the AP's reporting. The note stated that the AP report was "false information" and that Kazakhstan had not received any request from Iran to supply uranium to its nuclear program. The note also stated that Kazakhstan was investigating the story thoroughly.

¶5. (S) Umarov added that the Foreign Ministry's initial response on December 29 had been that the AP report must be "false information." With further information, he said, they would re-evaluate their position.

¶6. (S) GRPOQesented the same non-paper to appropriate counterparts and strongly encouraged them to investigate thoroughly.

¶7. (SBU) On December 30, the Interfax-Kazakhstan News Agency, citing the AP report published by the "Guardian" in the UK, broke the story in Kazakhstan. The Kazakh Foreign Ministry has not commented on the AP report since it was published.

¶8. (S) COMMENT: Because the AP report was datelined Vienna where ex-First Son-in-Law Rakhat Aliyev is believed to be in exile, the initial knee-jerk reaction was to assume that the report was accurate. However, upon closer examination, it appears that the report is based on a single source, the AP, which has a history of publishing inaccurate reports. Additionally, the Kazakh Foreign Ministry has denied the report and is investigating it thoroughly. Therefore, it is unlikely that the report is accurate.